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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.